

Resp. Surge, illumináre, Ierúsalem, quia venit lux tua: Et glória Dómini super te orta est, Iesus Christus ex María Vírgine.

Ÿ. Et ambulábunt gentes in lúmine tuo: et reges in splendóre ortus tui.

Ř. Et glória Dómini super te orta est.

Orémus.

Beneꝛdic, Dómine, Deus omnípotens, domum istam: ut sit in ea sánitas, cástitas, victóriæ virtus, humílitas, bóntas, et mansuetúdo, plenítude legis, et gratiárum áctio Deo Patri, et Filio, et Spirítui Sancto; et hæc benedíctio máneat super hanc domum, et super hábitant in ea. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

Ř. Amen.

Resp. Arise, be enlightened and shine forth, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come: And upon thee is risen the glory of the Lord, Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary.

Ÿ. The Gentiles shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brightness of thy rising.

Ř. And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Let Us Pray.

Bless, ✠ O Lord, Almighty God, this home that it be the shelter of health, chastity, self conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the Commandments, and thanksgiving to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. May this blessing endure upon this dwelling and upon them that live herein. Through Christ our Lord.

Ř. Amen.

(cf. Rituale Romanum, Tit. IX, Cap. 3, no. 6)

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, the priest may walk through the house, blessing each room with Epiphany water and incense. Then he takes the blessed chalk and writes the year and the initials of the three Kings, connected with crosses, over the entrance ways of the home (on either the door or the lintel) in this manner:

20 ✠ C ✠ M ✠ B ✠ 25

NOTE: The “20” marks the century, the “C” stands for King Caspar, the “M” for King Melchior, the “B” for King Balthasar, and the “25” marks the year. These initials also stand for “*Christus mansionem benedicat*” (which in Latin means “May Christ bless this house”).

CEREMONY for the BLESSING of HOMES

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Benedictio Domorum

Ÿ. Pax huic dómui.

℞. Et ómnibus habitántibus in ea.

Ant. Ab Oriénte venérunt Magi in Bétlehem, adoráre Dóminum: et apértis thesáuris suis pretiósá múnera obtulérunt, aurum Regi magno, thus Deo vero, myrrham sepultúræ eius. Alleluía.

*Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary**Lk 1: 46-55*

Magníficat * ánima mea Dóminum.

Et exsultávit spíritus meus * in Deo salutári meo.

Quia respéxit humilitátem ancillæ suæ: * ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent omnes generatiónes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: * et sanctum nomen eius.

Et misericórdia eius a progénie in progénies * tíméntibus eum.

Fecit poténtiam in bráchio suo: * dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui.

Depósuit poténtes de sede, * et exaltávit húmiles.

Esuriéntes implévit bonis: * et dívites dimísit inánes.

Suscépit Israël púerum suum, * recordátus misericórdiæ suæ:

Sicut locútus est ad patres nostros, * Abraham, et sémini eius in sæcula.

Blessing of Homes*Upon entering:*

Ÿ. Peace be unto this home.

℞. And unto all that dwell herein.

Ant. From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures, they offered costly gifts: gold to the great King, incense to the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. Alleluia.

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Because He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His Name.

And His mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear Him.

He hath showed might in His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.

Glória Patri et Fílio, * et Spíritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in princípío et nunc, et semper, * et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

During the Magnificat, the room may be sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed by the priest.

At the end of the canticle, repeat the antiphon:

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Pater noster... *(silentio)*

Ÿ. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem.

℞. Sed líbera nos a malo.

Ÿ. Omnes de Saba vénient.

℞. Aurum et thus deferéntes.

Ÿ. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

℞. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Ÿ. Dóminus vobíscum.

℞. Et cum spíritu tuo.

Orémus.

Deus, qui hodiérna die Unigénitum tuum géntibus stella duce revelásti: concéde propítius; ut, qui iam te ex fide cognóvimus, usque ad contemplándam spéciem tuæ celsitúdinis perducámur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Iesum Christum, Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

℞. Amen.

He hath received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy.

As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Our Father... *(silently)*

Ÿ. And lead us not into temptation.

℞. But deliver us from evil.

Ÿ. Many shall come from Saba.

℞. Bearing gold and frankincense.

Ÿ. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with thy spirit.

Let Us Pray.

O God, Who by the guidance of the Star, didst this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who now know Thee by faith, may be brought to the contemplation of Thy glorious majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

℞. Amen.